

# Key Provisioning for Group Communication using ACE

[draft-ietf-ace-key-groupcomm-02](#)

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# Quick Recap

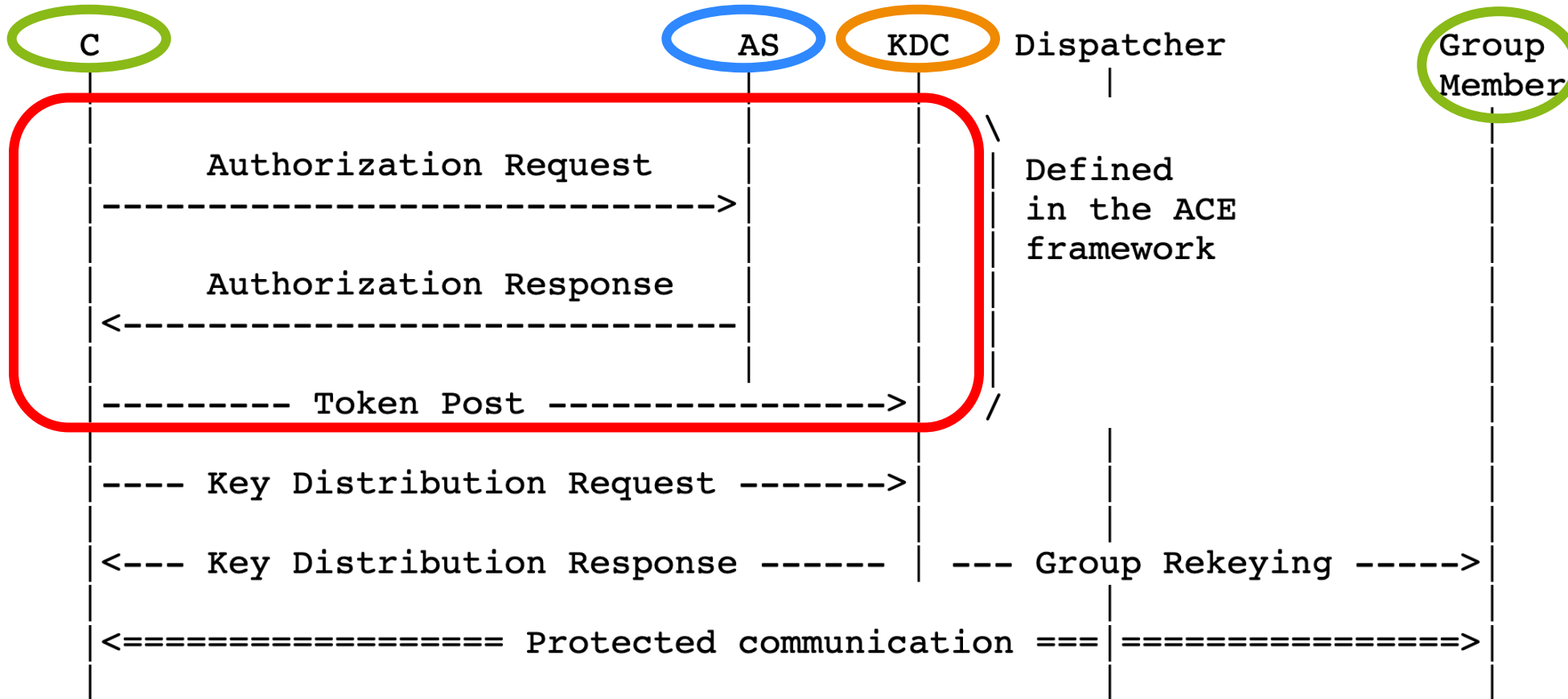


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# Status Update v-02 – Feedback from WG?

Updated following review by Jim

- Added procedures for updating and renewing keying material
- Added a “*type*” to each “Key Distribution” request (Client to KDC):
  - *Key distribution* (= join) → when joining the group,
  - *Leave* → causes re-keying by the KDC for the current group members,
  - *Update* → node requests the current most updated keying material,
  - *New* → node requests that the KDC updates the node’s own individual keying material,
  - *Pub keys* → request one or more public keys of group members
- Add additional fields for the KDC telling the Client what type of public key to use (in the 2.01 response to token POST)
- Added PoP signature of a nonce from Client to KDC (in Key Distribution Request)
- Added requirements on profiles of this document (multicast, pubsub)
- Defines “application profile”
- Format of parameters
- IANA registration (labels, parameters that are CBOR maps)
- Expanded security considerations

# V-02 Reviews – Open point 1: scope

Scope: CBOR array of

- Group id (multicast) or topic (pubsub)
- Role(s)

Examples:

- CBOR: [ topic1, [“publisher”, “subscriber” ] ]
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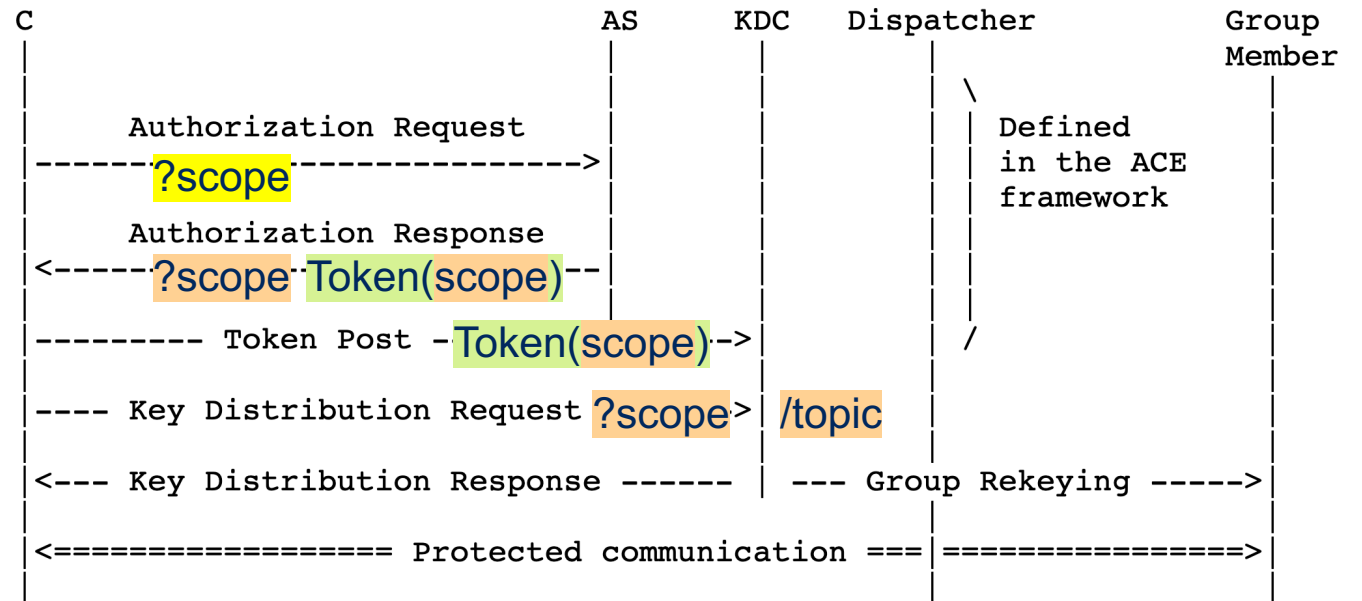


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“Should we allow multiple scopes in the same access token?”

- If group id, no, because there is a 1-to-1 mapping between scope and security group
- If topic, yes, you could want same security material for different topics

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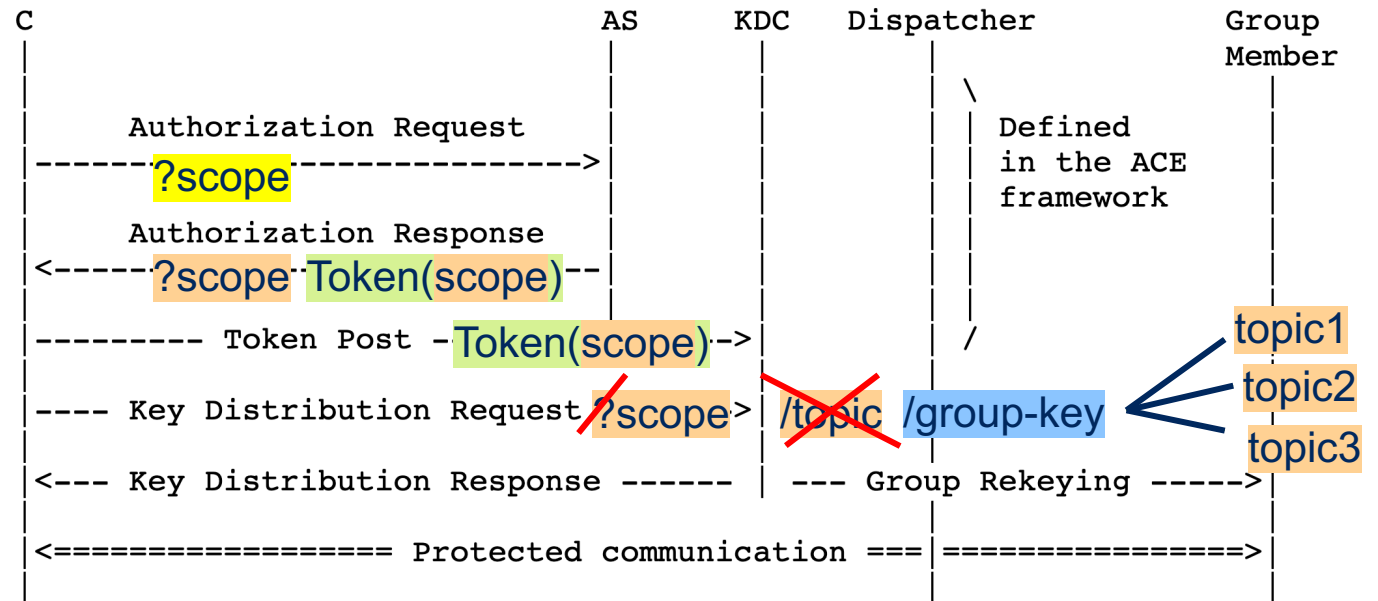


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Proposal:

- Allow multiple scopes (i.e. group ids or topics), which can be useful in pubsub
- Key Distribution Request is sent to a fixed "group Uri path" rather than one associated with scope
- 'scope' becomes mandatory in Key Distribution Request

# V-02 Reviews – Open points

- Right now C signs a nonce (nonce1) generated by KDC, for PoP of pub key

Proposal: Add: C generates a second nonce (nonce2), signs it together with nonce1, sends it to KDC in Key Distribution Request

- Wrong registration of new parameters (AS creation hints)

Proposal: fix that, register in “OAuth Parameters” and “OAuth Parameters CBOR Mappings”?

- Format of keys? (for encryption key, and public keys used)

Proposal: define all keys as using the format of the keys in ‘cnf’

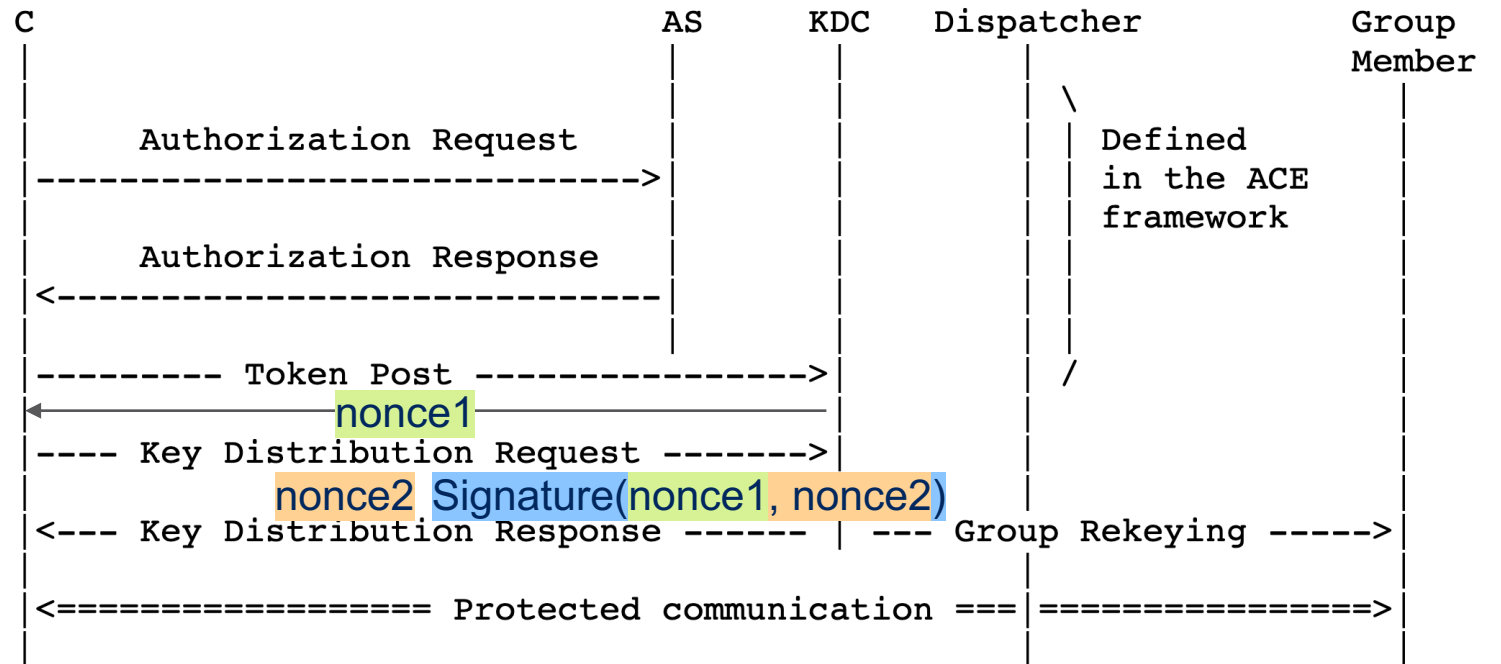


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# Other – Open points

- Rekeying: *“KDC should renew the keying material upon group membership change, and should provide it to the current group members through the rekeying scheme used in the group.”*
- Right now: we define how the C can get the new keying material. *“Alternatively, the re-distribution of keying material can be initiated by the KDC”*
- What endpoint does KDC use to send rekeying messages? Is this in scope of this doc?

Proposal: Define new (optional) parameter ‘rekeying\_uri’ in the Key Distribution Request. C use this parameter to tell the KDC what uri to use for unicast rekeying messages.

- One of the alternatives mentioned for rekeying is with multicast messages.
- Client would not know what IP multicast address to listen to for rekeying.

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